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A special thank you goes to New England producers and agri-businesses who have helped us by completing surveys via mail, telephone or personal interviews. This issue contains the results of monthly and quarterly surveys including the potato price survey, floriculture, dairy, poultry surveys and the maple report.

***IN THIS ISSUE*:**

MAPLE: NEW ENGLAND (excluding Rhode Island): In New England maple syrup production for 2006 totaled 874,000 gallons, up 12 percent from last year. Vermont remained the largest producing state in New England and the nation, with 32 percent of the nation's maple syrup. Taps in New England totaled 4.1 million, up less than one percent from last year and making up 57 percent of the nation's maple taps.

The 2006 maple season was rated mostly favorable in temperature. Three New England states showed improved production from last year's devastating crop losses, while Connecticut and Massachusetts remained unchanged from the previous year. Temperatures were reported to be 47 percent favorable, 30 percent too warm and 23 percent too cool. Many operations reported fluctuating temperatures with January starting off extremely warm and then changing so much that in February it was too cold for sap to flow in some areas. Snow fall was pretty much non-existent this year, which made it easy to get in and out of the sugar bushes to set taps and collect sap. March finally brought mild days and cool nights, and increased sap flows. By mid-April however, many operators had decided to wrap the season up early as temperatures had begun to rise and trees were showing signs of budding. Earliest tapping dates for each state were as follows: Connecticut and Vermont - January 15, Maine – January 20, Massachusetts – January 25, and New Hampshire – January 30. Latest closing dates were Connecticut – April 14, Maine – April 26, New Hampshire – April 29, and Massachusetts and Vermont – April 30. The sugar content of the sap was below average, requiring approximately 43 gallons of sap to produce a gallon of syrup. The majority of syrup produced was medium amber followed by dark amber and then light syrup.

2004 PRICES AND SALES: Across New England, the average equivalent price per gallon for 2005 maple syrup varied widely depending on the percentage sold retail, wholesale, or bulk. The 2005 all sales equivalent prices increased $4.90 in Massachusetts to $51.20, $2.10 in Maine to $21.50, $5.90 in New Hampshire to $41.30, and $0.50 in Vermont to $27.80. The price dropped $1.70 in Connecticut to $50.00. Maine's price continues to be lower than the other states due to the high percentage of bulk sales within the state. It should be noted that bulk prices did show a large increase in 2005. New England's 2005 gallon equivalent price of $28.13 reflects an increase of $1.26 from the 2004 price of $26.87.

UNITED STATES: The 2006 U.S. maple syrup production totaled 1.45 million gallons, up 17 percent from 2005. The number of taps is estimated at 7.26 million, up two percent from the 2005 total of 7.10 million, while the yield per tap is estimated to be 0.200 gallons, up 14 percent from the previous season. Vermont led all states in production with 460,000 gallons, an increase of 12 percent from 2005. Maine's production, at 300,000 gallons, increased 13 percent from last season. Production in New York, at 253,000 gallons, is 14 percent above 2005. Production doubled in Wisconsin, and is up 34 percent in Michigan, 13 percent in Ohio, 12 percent in New Hampshire, and eight percent in Pennsylvania. Production remained the same in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Large increases in yield as well as additional taps set in many states led to this year's increased production.

Temperatures in the maple producing states varied across the country. While producers in Maine, Michigan, Ohio, Vermont, and Wisconsin reported favorable conditions, producers in the other five states experienced weather that was either too warm or too cold for favorable sap flow. On average, the season lasted approximately 28 days compared to 24 days in 2005. Michigan and Pennsylvania had the earliest season opening date of January 1. Michigan also had the latest sap flow in 2006 with an approximate season ending date of May 2.

Sugar content of the sap for 2006 is down from last year. On average, approximately 43 gallons of sap were required to produce one gallon of syrup. This compares to with 40 gallons in 2005 and 42 gallons in 2004. The majority of the syrup produced this year is of medium color. The 2005 U.S. average price per gallon is $29.90, up $1.50 from the 2004 price of $28.40. The U.S. value of production, at $37.1 million for 2005, is down 13 percent from 2004. The average price per gallon increased in all states except Connecticut and Michigan.

FLORICULTURE: Connecticut: There were 288 growers with $10,000 or more in floriculture sales in 2005, down 7 growers from the previous year. The wholesale equivalent value of sales decreased from $87.4 million in 2004 to $85.6 million in 2005. Bedding and garden plants remained the largest category with 83 percent of wholesale equivalent sales for operations with more than $100,000 in sales.

Massachusetts: The number of growers with $10,000 or more in floriculture sales in 2005 was 431, down 32 growers from the previous year. The wholesale equivalent value of sales decreased from $78.6 million in 2004 to $75.3 million in 2005. As was true in Connecticut, bedding and garden plants were the largest sales category with 76 percent of wholesale equivalent sales for operations with more than $100,000 in sales.

All floriculture sales values are wholesale equivalent value of sales; they were derived by multiplying the average wholesale price by the total quantity sold. The complete Floriculture Crops report, with many more details, is available on the Internet at: http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/reports/nassr/other/zfc-bb/floran06.txt.

POTATO STOCKS: Maine potato stocks on hand June 1, 2006, totaled 2.7 million hundredweight (cwt), seven percent under 2005's June 1 holdings. Disappearance to June 1 in Maine totaled 13.0 million cwt, compared with 16.2 million cwt a year earlier. Storage accounted for 17 percent of Maine's total production, compared with 15 percent in June of 2005. The price received for 2005 crop potatoes across all sales for fresh market, processing, and seed averaged $9.40 per cwt during April 2006, compared with $6.95 per cwt a year earlier and the previous 5-year average of $7.52 per cwt..

The 13 major potato states held 40.0 million cwt of potatoes in storage June 1, 2006, down 23 percent from last year and 13 percent below June 1, 2004, for comparable states. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 11 percent of the 2005 fall storage states' production, down two percentage points from last year. Potato disappearance, at 333 million cwt, is down four percent from last year for comparable states. Season to date shrink and loss, at 24.7 million cwt, is down 23 percent from last year for comparable states. Processors in the nine major states have used 167 million cwt of potatoes this season, down three percent from a year ago and four percent below two years ago.

MILK PRODUCTION: Milk production in **Vermont** during May 2006 totaled 231 million pounds, a decrease of three percent from May 2005. There were an estimated 142,000 milk cows on Vermont farms during May, a decrease of 1,000 head from the previous month and 2,000 head fewer than May 2005's total. Milk production per cow during May averaged 1,630 pounds.

This is a monthly summary of New England agricultural statistics taken from nationwide reports issued by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This office can be reached at 1-800-642-9571 or through e-mail at **nass-nh@nass.usda.gov.**

All National reports and State newsletters are available on the Internet at: **http://www.nass.usda.gov/**. These reports are also available by subscription free of charge direct to your e-mail address. Starting with the NASS home page at **http://www.nass.usda.gov/**, under receive reports by E-mail, click **National** or **State**, then follow the instructions on the screen.

FALL POTATOES: Production and June 1 Stocks, 2005 – 2006 [1/]

State	2005 Crop			2006 Crop		
	Production	Stocks June 1, 2005 [2/]	Stocks as Percentage of Production	Production	Stocks June 1, 2006 [2/]	Stocks as Percentage of Production
	1,000 Cwt		Percent	1,000 Cwt		Percent
California	3,648			3,240	260	8
Colorado	23,791	3,600	15	22,292	2,200	10
Idaho	131,970	24,000	18	116,975	17,500	15
Maine	**19,065**	**2,900**	**15**	**15,736**	**2,700**	**17**
Michigan	13,650			13,920		
Minnesota	18,920	3,500	18	17,630	2,000	11
Montana	3,551			3,434		
Nebraska	9,288			8,245		
New York	5,184			5,226		
North Dakota	26,765	4,800	18	20,500	1,300	6
Ohio [3/]	1,080					
Oregon	19,775	2,100	11	22,023	2,500	11
Pennsylvania [3/]	2,640					
Washington	93,810	8,000	9	95,480	9,000	9
Wisconsin	30,450	1,600	5	27,880	1,700	6
Other States	–	1,200			800	
15 STATES [4/]	403,587	51,700	13	372,581	39,960	11

[1/] Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2005 totaled 24.7 million cwt.
[2/] Missing stocks combined into "Other States."
[3/] Stock estimates discontinued for the 2005 crop.
[4/] 13 states for 2005 crop.
SOURCE: ***Potato Stocks,*** 3:00 p.m., June 14, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MAINE POTATOES: Prices Received, 2000 – 2005 Crop Years
Prices Received [1/] by Farmers for All Potatoes, Monthly and Marketing Year Average

Crop Year	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Market Year Average
	Dollars per Cwt											
2000	5.80	5.45	5.50	5.55	5.60	5.50	5.90	6.20	6.80	7.30	7.00	6.15
2001	6.20	5.70	6.05	6.65	7.50	7.75	8.30	8.65	9.45	8.05	7.80	7.65
2002	5.75	5.45	5.60	6.65	6.95	7.10	7.10	7.45	8.10	8.15	7.40	7.05
2003	6.00	5.25	5.45	5.85	5.70	5.80	5.70	6.10	6.30	6.75	7.05	6.05
2004	5.90	5.15	5.65	6.15	6.35	5.90	6.55	6.60	6.95	7.30	7.40	6.50
2005 [2/]	3/	5.90	6.25	7.45	8.15	8.20	9.00	8.70	9.40	9.00		

[1/] Average price of potatoes sold for fresh market, processing, seed, and feed.
[2/] Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast.
[3/] Missing data indicates too few potatoes being marketed to set price.
SOURCE: ***Agricultural Prices***, 3:00 p.m., May 31, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

POTATOES: Shrinkage and Loss, 15 Fall Storage States, 2002 – 2005

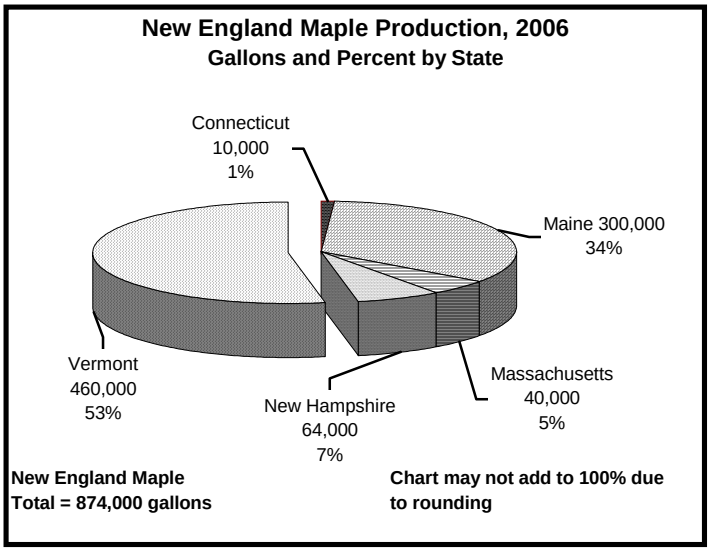
Crop Year	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	To Jun 1	Season
	Million Cwt							
2002	15.5	18.2	20.5	22.4	24.2	25.8	27.2	29.0
2003	15.0	17.4	20.5	22.6	25.4	27.5	29.9	33.0
2004	15.5	19.1	22.0	24.8	27.3	29.7	32.5	35.4
2005 [1/]	13.9	16.2	18.1	20.1	21.6	23.2	24.7	

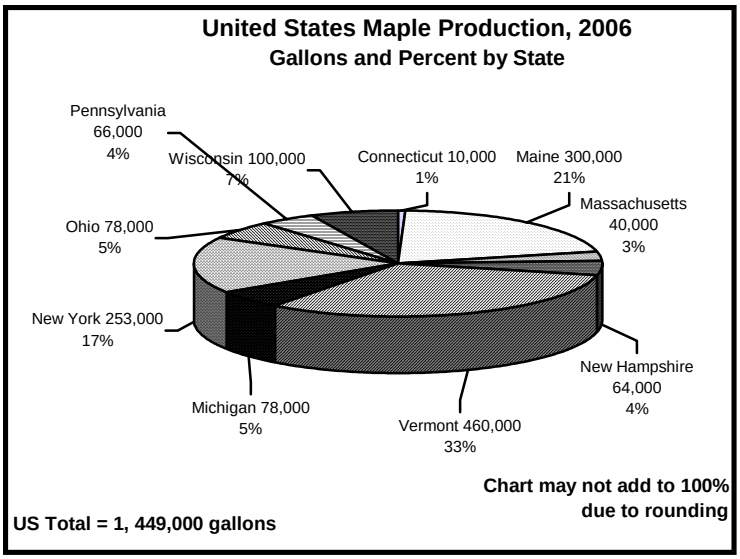
[1/] 13 fall storage states
SOURCE: ***Potato Stocks***, 3:00 p.m., June 14, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

MAPLE SYRUP: Taps, Yield, and Production, 2004 – 2006

State	Taps			Yield per Tap			Production		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
	1,000 Taps			Gallons			1,000 Gallons		
Connecticut	62	63	61	0.177	0.159	0.164	11	10	10
Maine	1,290	1,300	1,315	0.225	0.204	0.228	290	265	300
Massachusetts	235	240	245	0.213	0.167	0.163	50	40	40
New Hampshire	360	365	355	0.231	0.156	0.180	83	57	64
Vermont	2,100	2,140	2,170	0.238	0.192	0.212	500	410	460
NEW ENGLAND [1/]	**4,047**	**4,108**	**4,146**	**0.231**	**0.190**	**0.211**	**934**	**782**	**874**
Michigan	370	390	375	0.216	0.149	0.208	80	58	78
New York	1,345	1,420	1,530	0.190	0.156	0.165	255	222	253
Ohio	405	355	360	0.193	0.194	0.217	78	69	78
Pennsylvania	404	428	449	0.149	0.143	0.147	60	61	66
Wisconsin	385	400	400	0.260	0.125	0.250	100	50	100
UNITED STATES	**6,956**	**7,101**	**7,260**	**0.217**	**0.175**	**0.200**	**1,507**	**1,242**	**1,449**
New Brunswick [2/]	—	—	—	—	—	—	210	248	—
Nova Scotia [2/]	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	25	—
Ontario [2/]	—	—	—	—	—	—	262	262	—
Quebec [2/]	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,551	6,822	—
CANADA [2/ 3/]	—	—	—	—	—	—	**7,050**	**7,359**	—

[1/] New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, and VT.
[2/] Canadian data incomplete; figures unavailable at the time of publication. Canadian imperial gallons were converted to United States gallons (one imperial gallon times 1.2021778 equals one United States gallon).
[3/] Data may not add due to rounding.
SOURCE: United States – ***Crop Production***, 8:30 a.m., June 9, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Canada – ***Statistics Canada.***





MAPLE SYRUP: Production, Price, and Value, 2003 – 2005

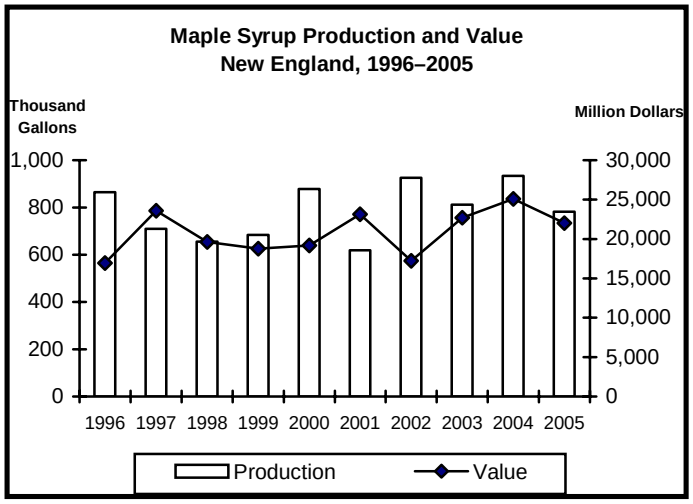
State	Production			Average Gallon Equivalent Price of All Sales [1/]			Value of Production		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	1,000 Gallons			United States Dollars			United States 1,000 Dollars		
Connecticut	10	11	10	48.60	51.70	50.00	486	569	500
Maine	285	290	265	22.50	19.40	21.50	6,413	5,626	5,698
Massachusetts	37	50	40	41.90	46.30	51.20	1,550	2,315	2,048
New Hampshire	60	83	57	43.00	35.40	41.30	2,580	2,938	2,354
Vermont	420	500	410	27.80	27.30	27.80	11,676	13,650	11,398
NEW ENGLAND [2/]	**812**	**934**	**782**	**27.96**	**26.87**	**28.13**	**22,705**	**25,098**	**21,998**
Michigan	59	80	58	31.20	38.00	36.00	1,841	3,040	2,088
New York	210	255	222	26.80	28.20	31.70	5,628	7,191	7,037
Ohio	51	78	69	35.10	32.00	36.00	1,790	2,496	2,484
Pennsylvania	52	60	61	27.40	29.00	31.50	1,425	1,740	1,922
Wisconsin	76	100	50	29.10	32.30	32.40	2,212	3,230	1,620
UNITED STATES	**1,260**	**1,507**	**1,242**	**28.30**	**28.40**	**29.90**	**35,601**	**42,795**	**37,149**
New Brunswick [3/]	191	210	248	26.56	28.75	29.01	5,073	6,037	7,194
Nova Scotia [3/]	36	26	25	28.72	30.85	33.96	1,034	802	849
Ontario [3/]	262	262	262	30.41	31.30	33.77	7,968	8,201	8,848
Quebec [3/]	6,822	6,551	6,822	14.86	14.94	18.19	101,344	97,886	124,109
CANADA [3/]	**7,312**	**7,050**	**7,359**	**15.78**	**16.02**	**19.16**	**115,417**	**112,925**	**141,000**

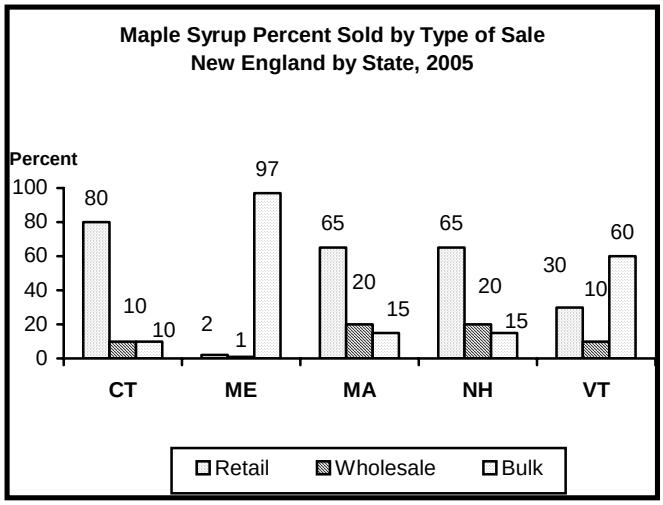
[1/] Average gallon equivalent price in United States dollars is a weighted average across retail, wholesale, and bulk sales. This price is lower for states, such as Maine, with more bulk sales. The average gallon equivalent price is not the average retail price paid for a gallon of syrup.
[2/] New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, and VT
[3/] Canadian dollars to United States dollars exchange rates were valued at or near the closest date to July 1 for each year. Exchange rates were 0.74118 for 2003, .750469 for 2004, and .805283 for 2005. Canadian imperial gallons were converted to United States gallons (one imperial gallon times 1.2021778 equals one United States gallon.)
SOURCE: United States – ***Crop Production***, 8:30 a.m., June 9, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Canada – ***Statistics Canada.***

MAPLE SYRUP: Sales Percentages, New England, 2004 – 2005

Type of Sale	Connecticut		Maine		Massachusetts		New Hampshire		Vermont	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Percent		Percent		Percent		Percent		Percent	
Retail	85	80	3	2	55	65	50	65	30	30
Wholesale	10	10	2	1	30	20	25	20	10	10
Bulk	5	10	95	97	15	15	25	15	60	60

SOURCE: ***Crop Production,*** 8:30 a.m., June 9, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

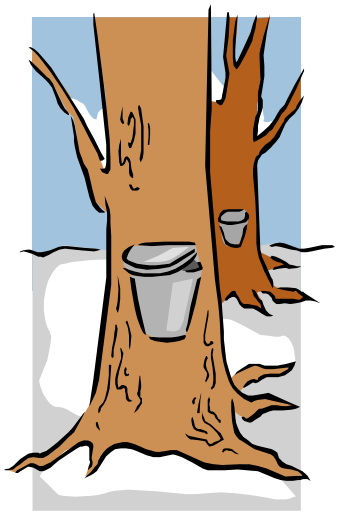




MAPLE SYRUP: Sales Percentages, Other States, 2004 – 2005

Type of Sale	Michigan		New York		Ohio		Pennsylvania		Wisconsin	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Percent		Percent		Percent		Percent		Percent	
Retail	60	48	50	45	61	63	55	56	42	42
Wholesale	23	28	19	22	14	17	11	16	16	23
Bulk	17	24	31	33	25	20	34	28	42	35

SOURCE: ***Crop Production***, 8:30 a.m., June 9, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.



MONTHLY DAIRY PRODUCTS: New England Production, March 2006 with Comparisons

Product	April 2005	March 2006	April 2006	April 2006 as percent of:	
				April 2005	April 2005
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
Butter	3,628	2,866	3,042	84	106
American Type Cheese [1/]	6,090	5,354	6,509	107	122
Mozzarella Cheese	4,596	5,700	5,176	113	91
Other Italian Cheese [2/]	567	1,320	1,063	187	81
Cottage Cheese [3/]	515	639	543	105	85
	1,000 Gallons			Percent	
Ice Cream, Hard	9,054	6,939	9,739	108	140
Low Fat Ice Cream, Hard	1,151	1,000	1,449	126	145
Milk Sherbet, Hard	242	230	223	92	97

[1/] American type Cheese includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.
[2/] Includes all Italian cheese except Mozzarella
[3/] Creamed and low fat
SOURCE of NATIONAL PRODUCTION: ***Dairy Products***, 3:00 p.m., June 2, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

MONTHLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, May 2006 with Comparisons

State	Milk Cows [1/]			Production per Cow			Production		
	May 2005	April 2006	May 2006	May 2005	April 2006	May 2006	May 2005	April 2006	May 2006
	1,000 Head			Pounds			Million Pounds		
Vermont	144	143	142	1,650	1,560	1,630	238	223	231
New York	646	649	648	1,665	1,590	1,660	1,076	1,032	1,076
Pennsylvania	565	557	556	1,675	1,650	1,700	946	919	945
UNITED STATES [2/]	8,131	8,240	8,259	1,760	1,727	1,782	14,311	14,228	14,714

[1/] Average number for month, including dry cows.
[2/] United States includes 23 major States: AZ, CA, CO, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA, and WI.
SOURCE: ***Milk Production,*** 3:00 p.m., June 16, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

VERMONT MILK: Prices Received, 2001 – 2006
Prices Received [1/] by Farmers for Milk Sold

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
	Price per Cwt												
2001	13.70	14.30	15.00	15.40	16.20	16.80	17.00	17.30	17.90	16.40	15.80	14.10	15.80
2002	14.20	13.80	13.30	13.10	12.70	12.10	11.60	11.70	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.40	12.70
2003	12.30	11.90	11.50	11.40	11.50	11.50	12.10	13.40	15.00	15.80	15.50	14.80	13.00
2004	14.00	14.40	16.20	17.80	20.10	19.80	17.60	15.50	16.30	16.60	17.00	17.20	16.90
2005	16.90	16.00	16.60	15.80	15.50	15.10	15.80	15.70	16.10	16.50	16.10	15.50	16.00
2006 [2/]	15.30	14.60	13.70	12.90	12.60								

[1/] Prices received before deductions for hauling, including quality, quantity, and other premiums and excluding hauling subsidies
[2/] Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast.
SOURCE: ***Agricultural Prices***, 3:00 p.m., May 31, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

Brief History of NASS

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is a network of 46 field offices (including the New England office in Concord, NH) serving all 50 states and Puerto Rico through cooperative agreements with state departments of agriculture or universities. These field offices regularly survey thousands of farm operators, ranchers, and agri-businesses who voluntarily provide information on a confidential basis. Consolidating these reports with field observations, objective yield measurements, and other data, statisticians then produce state statistics. These statistics are forwarded to NASS headquarters in Washington, D.C., where they are combined and released to the public.

Reporting, recording, and estimating agricultural data in the United States has been accomplished almost as long as the country itself has existed. The first formal agricultural survey and reports were promulgated by President George Washington in 1791. These reports included information about the current state of agriculture in an area of approximately 25,000 square miles encompassing portions of modern day Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. During those early days buyers routinely had more current information about the value of agricultural products than did farmers. This placed the farmer at a distinct disadvantage when negotiating prices.

The first national census of agriculture was conducted in 1840 by Patent Commissioner Hennery Ellsworth. The census information was combined with other data to produce a comprehensive estimate of production by state. This reporting continued annually for four years and became the model for agricultural reporting today. In the modern market place NASS provides accurate production, inventory, and value data to producers, buyers, and consumers alike. NASS ensures everyone has access to the same mathematically reliable information.

New England's own Field Office provides an accurate, unbiased picture of the agriculture in the six New England States and the region as a whole. Measurement of present and prospective supplies furnishes a sound basis for judgment and action by farmers, agri-businesses, researchers, marketing programs, and agencies serving farmers. Without those who take the time to provide the data this service would not be possible.

FLORICULTURE CROPS: Growing Area by Type of Cover, 1996 – 2005

(Summarized from interviews of all known growers with $10,000 or more in floriculture sales)

State and Year	Total Number of Growers	Glass Greenhouses	Fiberglass and Other Rigid Greenhouses	Film Plastic (Single/Multi) Greenhouses	Total Greenhouse Cover	Shade and Temporary Cover	Total Covered Area	Open Ground
	Number	1,000 Square Feet						Acres
Connecticut								
1996	252	1,316	546	4,287	6,149	220	6,369	168
1997	293	1,431	837	5,429	7,697	282	7,979	329
1998	297	1,653	819	6,659	9,131	232	9,363	410
1999	288	1,568	739	6,275	8,582	394	8,976	373
2000	297	1,553	830	6,007	8,390	404	8,794	398
2001	284	1,844	1,615	5,705	9,164	409	9,573	525
2002	316	1,568	1,192	6,589	9,349	396	9,745	519
2003	284	1,405	1,134	6,590	9,129	470	9,599	663
2004	295	1,653	919	6,424	8,996	142	9,138	584
2005	288	1,945	942	6,197	9,084	216	9,300	648
Massachusetts								
1996	416	2,202	1,239	6,006	9,447	181	9,628	319
1997	499	1,937	1,180	7,051	10,168	155	10,323	388
1998	476	1,947	1,193	7,568	10,708	117	10,825	431
1999	457	2,039	953	7,150	10,142	84	10,226	434
2000	471	1,894	1,073	6,704	9,671	112	9,783	421
2001	446	1,877	1,261	6,250	9,388	133	9,521	384
2002	463	1,839	1,007	6,701	9,547	230	9,777	650
2003	431	1,520	930	7,266	9,716	121	9,837	633
2004	463	1,496	917	7,277	9,690	117	9,807	570
2005	431	1,407	884	6,880	9,171	130	9,301	547

SOURCE: ***Floriculture Crops***, 3:00 p.m., April 26, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

FLORICULTURE CROPS: Number of Growers, by Size of Reported Gross Value of Sales, 1997 – 2005

(Summarized from interviews of all known growers with $10,000 or more in floriculture sales)

State	$10,000 to $19,999	$20,000 to $39,999	$40,000 to $49,999	$50,000 to $99,999	$100,000 to $499,999	$500,000 or More	Total	Expanded Wholesale Value [1/]
	Number							1,000 Dollars
Connecticut								
1997	60	44	22	61	77	29	293	59,939
1998	57	56	17	55	89	23	297	64,926
1999	53	48	22	53	87	25	288	67,964
2000	54	51	25	64	77	26	297	72,125
2001	45	55	15	65	75	29	284	80,175
2002	55	49	29	80	73	30	316	84,943
2003	45	48	24	70	66	31	284	82,237
2004	46	47	25	70	74	33	295	87,378
2005	46	41	18	82	69	32	288	85,649
Massachusetts								
1997	88	99	45	121	117	29	499	75,367
1998	96	89	26	102	131	32	476	70,133
1999	77	70	46	118	116	30	457	75,936
2000	76	64	45	137	119	30	471	79,546
2001	71	59	37	140	106	33	446	78,083
2002	63	82	35	136	105	42	463	84,608
2003	57	63	29	133	108	41	431	76,813
2004	63	83	40	123	119	35	463	78,633
2005	53	82	36	122	105	33	431	75,318

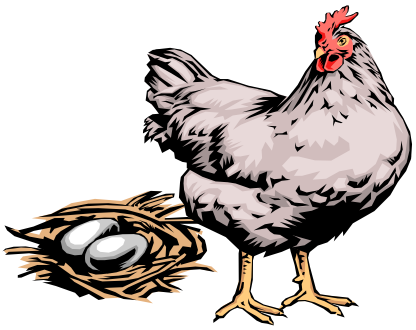
[1/] Wholesale value of sales as reported by growers with $100,000 or more in sales of floriculture crops plus a calculated wholesale value of sales for growers with sales below $100,000. The value of sales for growers below the $100,000 level was estimated by multiplying the number of growers in each size group by the mid point of each dollar value range.

SOURCE: ***Floriculture Crops***, 3:00 p.m., April 26, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

MONTHLY CHICKENS: Layers and Egg Production, May, 2005 – 2006

State	Table Egg Layers In Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers [1/]		Eggs per 100 for All Layers [1/]		Egg Production from All Layers [1/]	
	May 2005	May 2006	May 2005	May 2006	May 2005	May 2006	May 2005	May 2006
	1,000 Birds				Number		Million Eggs	
Connecticut	3,079	2,637	3,138	2,689	2,326	2,343	73	63
Maine	4,118	3,970	4,183	4,040	2,128	2,178	89	88
UNITED STATES	276,175	281,053	341,819	344,735	2,215	2,213	7,572	7,628

[1/] Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.
SOURCE: ***Chickens and Eggs***, 3:00 p.m., June 23, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA



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